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RAFFINOSE SACCHARIDES AND PHYTIC ACID

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated April 20, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response After Final because it is believed to place the claims in form for allowance or, in the alternative, to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following is submitted in support thereof.

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